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Subject: Justice Department - Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs:

I am an independent computer consultant, and I have long been angered and repulsed by Microsoft's attitude and marketplace actions. It came as no surprise to me that they were found to be an illegal monopoly. My business virtually requires that I use their products (system software, web browser, applications), and my strong preference would be to do otherwise. I simply have no choice in the matter.

Which brings me to the proposed settlement of the case. I have grave doubts that it will change ANYTHING regarding Microsoft's attitude, behavior, or market dominance. Microsoft has signed consent decrees before and nothing has changed. I don't know that breaking the company into pieces would have solved the problem faced by consumers, but at least it would have injected competition into the marketplace.

As it stands, I do not believe that Justice Department's agreement will do that. Please reconsider your position.

Sincerely,
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